

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

CASE NO.: BB-1037-F

SAVERIO CARL FALCO et al.

APPLN. NO.: 09/049,304

FILED: MARCH 27, 1998

FOR: CHIMERIC GENES AND METHODS
FOR INCREASING THE LYSINE AND
THREONINE CONTENT OF THE
SEEDS OF PLANTS

GROUP ART UNIT: 1649

EXAMINER: E. MCELWAIN

Date: SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Response

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 1999 requiring restriction of claims 1-20. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

Remarks

Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-15, for further prosecution in the instant application subject to Applicants' right to pursue the nonelected subject matter in a divisional application or applications pursuant to 35 USC §121.

Please charge any fees associate with the filing of this response to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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